

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

**In Recognition of
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK in OHIO**

The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education have declared November 16-20, 2009 as International Education Week in observance of the many important contributions of international education to our nation's peace and prosperity; and

international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders. These include study abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on U.S. campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to U.S. education; and

by participating in such programs, our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures and are more prepared for a global environment; and

we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation's foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and

through international education, the United States can establish a foundation for dialogue and partnership with the rest of the world and create the conditions for lasting global peace, security, and well-being; and

I call upon the citizens and institutions of this state to participate in celebrating this week and to recognize the importance of international education in our lives and communities:

Now, Therefore, I, Ted Strickland, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 16-20, 2009 as **International Education Week** and, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



**Ted Strickland
Governor**